

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Miles Karro of Nashville upon being named Tennessee's top middle-level school volunteer by the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles Karro, an esteemed resident of Nashville and an eighth-grader at Harding Academy, has been recognized as Tennessee's top middle-level school volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Twelfth Annual Nationwide Program, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Miles Karro won this recognition for initiating a program, called "Perenity," in which he collects used flowers from weddings, funerals, and other events, and donates them to hospice patients, nursing homes, service agencies, and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, showcasing his rising entrepreneurial skills, Mr. Karro prepared his headquarters by refurbishing an old barn on his family's property, found groups interested in recycled flowers, designed an informational brochure, and researched potential suppliers, such as event planners, florists, and gardeners to educate them about the program and to solicit their used flowers; and

WHEREAS, Miles Karro has also spearheaded an effort to collect vases for the flowers that Perenity's more than twenty-five volunteers deliver; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karro faithfully and diligently tends to his organization by picking up flowers, reorganizing large arrangements into smaller bouquets, loading delivery vehicles, delivering the flowers, and visiting with the recipients; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Miles Karro will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion at a local ceremony, and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., for several days of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Miles Karro who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Miles Karro is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Miles Karro on being recognized as a State Honoree in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Twelfth Annual Nationwide Program, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.